

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 May 58	2. LOCATION Richey, Montana		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Chaff <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>N/A</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <u>PHYSICAL</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <u>SPECIMEN</u>	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION N/A	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS many	9. COURSE N/A	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Strip of aluminum found in a field. Many strips were found over a large area.		11. COMMENTS Analysis proves the item to be chaff. It is not unusual for such an item to be found in areas of SAC or TAC practice missions.	

50 PX-12
A.F.

~~Confidential~~
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I found a strip of aluminum
foil, enclosed, while walking in a
field. There has been many strips
of this material found over a large
area.

I would like to know what
this material is. If you know
what it is would you please
write to me and tell me what
it is?

Yours truly,

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
Richy, Montana

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Richey, Mont.



Civil Defense Department,
Washington,
D.C.

Foil

MEMO ROUTING SLIP		NEVER USE FOR APPROVALS, DISAPPROVALS, CONCURRENCES, OR SIMILAR ACTIONS	
1 NAME OR TITLE <i>Col. Vincent C. Rethman</i>	INITIALS <i>VCR</i>		CIRCULATE
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION <i>AFCIN-4E4</i>	DATE	1 2	COORDINATION
2 <i>Mr. Nicholas Post</i>			FILE
<i>AFCIN-4E</i>			INFORMATION
3 <i>Major L. J. Tacker</i>		3	NECESSARY ACTION
<i>SAFIS-3</i>			NOTE AND RETURN
4			SEE ME
			SIGNATURE
REMARKS <p>Suggest the letter attached be used as an answer to</p> <p>Mr. <i>[redacted]</i> Richey, Montana</p> <p>Mr. <i>[redacted]</i>'s letter to the Air Force was dated 5 May 1959. The indicated address is complete from his letter.</p> <p><i>[Handwritten signature: Robert J. Friend]</i></p>			
FROM NAME OR TITLE <i>Major Robert J. Friend</i>		DATE 11 June 59	
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION <i>AFCIN-4E4g</i>		TELEPHONE 69216	

WATERS

24 June 1959

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

The Air Force wishes to thank you for your recent report of a material found in a field near Richey, Montana, which appeared as strips of aluminum. The sample of the material which you forwarded with your report has been analyzed and determined to be chaff.

Chaff is a material which is dropped from aircraft in an effort to make radar detection difficult. In this instance the chaff was dropped by our planes during a practice mission.

Sincerely

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Executive Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information Services

Mr. [REDACTED]
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